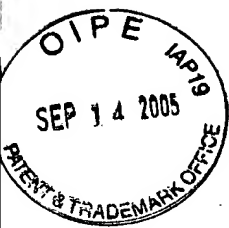


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Second Preliminary Amendment filed After a Request for Continued Examination Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, filed June 30, 2005, (4 pages); and a return postcard.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment, filed June 30, 2005, consideration and entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks. Entry this amendment is requested in order to obviate a statutory double patenting over claims in copending application U.S. Application Serial No. 10/151,078, which is a continuation of the instant application. This amendment cancels the claims that are identical to or substantially identical the claims in the copending application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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